IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A peripheral device configured to be connected to a plurality of other peripheral devices via a network, said peripheral device comprising:

means for managing the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device; and

means provided in said peripheral device for selecting a managing peripheral device to manage the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device,

wherein the managing peripheral device is selected by said means for selecting out of a group including the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising:

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of the managing peripheral device selected by said means for selecting.

4. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising:

means for enabling said means for managing when the managing peripheral device selected by said means for selecting is said peripheral device.

5. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising:

means for disabling said means for managing when the managing peripheral device selected by said means for selecting is not said peripheral device.

6. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 3, wherein said means for

managing comprises:

means for receiving instructions from a user station connected to the network;

means for requesting and receiving information from the plurality of other peripheral

devices;

means for setting configurations for the plurality of other peripheral devices; and

means for sending information to the user station.

7. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising means for

printing.

8. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 3, wherein said means for

selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of the plurality of other

peripheral devices and said peripheral device.

9. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising:

means for checking if another peripheral device is managing the plurality of other

peripheral devices and said peripheral device.

10. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 9, further comprising:

means for disabling said means for managing when the another peripheral device is

managing the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device;

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of

the another peripheral device.

11. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a plurality of peripheral devices connected to a network,

wherein each peripheral device of said plurality of peripheral devices comprises:

means for managing said plurality of peripheral devices; and

means provided in each peripheral device for selecting a managing peripheral

device to manage said plurality of peripheral devices,

wherein said managing peripheral device is selected by said means for selecting out of

a group including said plurality of peripheral devices, which includes peripheral devices other

than said peripheral device selecting said managing peripheral device.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein each peripheral device

further comprises:

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of

said managing peripheral device selected by said means for selecting.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein each peripheral device further

comprises:

means for checking which peripheral device is managing said plurality of peripheral

devices.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device further

comprises:

means for enabling said means for managing.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device

further comprises:

means for disabling said means for managing;

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of said managing peripheral device.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said means for managing comprises:

means for requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said means for managing comprises:

means for receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network;

means for requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices;

means for setting configurations for said plurality of peripheral devices; and

means for sending information to said user station.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device further comprises means for printing.

20. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for managing a plurality of peripheral devices connected to a network, comprising the steps of: using a peripheral device of said plurality of peripheral devices to select a managing peripheral device to manage said plurality of peripheral devices;

managing said plurality of peripheral devices from said managing peripheral device;

and

setting default URLs of web servers for said peripheral devices to correspond to a web server for said managing peripheral device,

wherein said managing peripheral device is selected out of a group including said plurality of peripheral devices, which includes peripheral devices other than said peripheral device used to select said managing peripheral device.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:

disabling managing means of peripheral devices other than said managing peripheral device.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing from said managing peripheral device comprises the step of:

receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing from said managing peripheral device comprises the step of:

requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing from said managing peripheral device comprises the steps of:

receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network;

requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices;

setting configurations for said plurality of peripheral devices; and

sending information to said user station.

26. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of printing.

27. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of selecting comprises a step of comparing a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

28. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer storage medium and a computer program code mechanism embedded in the computer storage medium for causing a peripheral device to manage a plurality of peripheral devices connected to a network, the computer program code mechanism comprising:

a first computer code device configured to manage said plurality of peripheral devices from a managing peripheral device; and

a second computer code device configured to select said managing peripheral device to manage said plurality of peripheral devices,

wherein said managing peripheral device is selected out of a group including said plurality of peripheral devices, which includes peripheral devices other than said peripheral device used to select said managing peripheral device.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, further comprising:

a second computer code device configured to check which peripheral device is managing said plurality of peripheral devices.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 30, further comprising:

a third computer code device configured to enable said first computer code device.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 30, further comprising:

a third computer code device configured to disable said first computer code device and to set a URL of a web server to correspond to a web server for said managing peripheral device.

33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to receive instructions from a user station connected to said network.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to request and receive information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to receive instructions from a user station connect to said network;

a third computer code device configured to request and receive information from said plurality of peripheral devices;

a fourth computer code device configured to set configurations for said plurality of peripheral devices; and

a fifth computer code device configured to send information to said user station.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said second computer code device comprises a third computer code device configured to compare

a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

37.-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said peripheral device is a printer, a multi-function peripheral, a digital copier, a fax machine, a copy machine, or a combination thereof.

42. (New) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said means for selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device, and wherein the characteristic is central processing unit performance, memory size, or average load.

43. (New) The system of claim 11, wherein at least one peripheral device of said plurality of peripheral devices is a printer, a multi-function peripheral, a digital copier, a fax machine, a copy machine, or a combination thereof.

44. (New) The system of claim 11, wherein said means for selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices, and wherein the characteristic is central processing unit performance, memory size, or average load.

45. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said one peripheral device is a printer, a multi-function peripheral, a digital copier, a fax machine, a copy machine, or a combination thereof.

46. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the characteristic is central processing unit performance, memory size, or average load.

47. (New) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said one peripheral

device is a printer, a multi-function peripheral, a digital copier, a fax machine, a copy

machine, or a combination thereof.

48. (New) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the characteristic is

central processing unit performance, memory size, or average load.